Celebrating the Homegoing of

Deacon William James Mallard

Sunrise:
July 23, 1922

Sunset:
November 25, 2010

"The Lord bless thee, The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:..."
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Service Held:

Monday, December 6, 2010
11:00 a.m.

Dan Scales Funeral Services, Inc.
107 W. 8th Street—Pittsburg, CA 94565
Elder Robert D. Collier, Sr., Eulogist
Minister James Butler, III, Officiating

OBITUARY

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William James Mallard was born July 23, 1922 in the city of Natchitoches, Louisiana. He was the only son and firstborn of three children to Willie Washington and Lucy Pearl Mallard who preceded him in death.

He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at the age of 21 years old. His testimony always mentioned he *"never substituted by saying, shoot or shucks"* once the Lord saved him.

In the early 1940's, **Deacon Mallard** moved to Northern California, where he eventually became a member of the Little Chapel Church of God in Christ in San Francisco on Webster Street. Under the pastoral direction of Bishop L. E. Clever, where he also became a deacon.

Deacon Mallard worked faithfully in the church as Sunday School Superintendent and served as a trustee for over 40 years. Deacon Mallard was also the director and head carpenter for the renovation of the Little Chapel Church, 616 Divisadero site. In addition, he assisted many ministries in Northern California, renovating and building their edifices. Deacon Mallard remained a faithful member of the Little Chapel Church until his illness.

In October of 1959, the union of Saint Elma and William Mallard was blessed with a baby girl, Willetta Mallard-Strong.

"Bill Duck," as his co-workers lovingly nicknamed him, went on to be a supervisor and foreman for the Carpenters & Pile Drivers' Union Local 34. He headed up such jobs as the digging and building of the Moscone Center and the Chemical Refinery located in the San Francisco Peninsula.

Deacon Mallard was known for his quick wit and friendliness and was adopted by many young men and women, giving him the nickname, Uncle Willie. In 1979, he married Bobbie Jean Simmons who preceded him in death and he adopted the Hayter family as his own.

On November 25, 2010, after a long illness, the Lord called him home to rest from his labors and pain. He leaves to cherish his memory; two daughters: Janice Smith and Willetta Mallard-Strong; two sisters: Naomi Gillis of Los Angeles and his baby sister, Dorothy Irving of Antioch, who he nicknamed his "BBB"; three nieces: Joann Stein, Lucrecia, and Nikki; two nephews: Ronald (Betty) Irving and James Wardlow; as well as ten grandchildren and countless others who call him *"Uncle."*

Deacon Mallard will be missed but we can be blessed by the memory of the words of one of his favorite songs. *"I tell you the best thing I ever did do, was to pull off the old robe and put on the new."*

Order of Service

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Musical Prelude ..... Robert Collier, Jr. & Matthew Simmons
Processional ..... Clergy & Family
Invocation ..... Elder Dan Slaughter
Liberty Church of God in Christ
Scripture Readings:
Old Testament ..... Rev. Johnny Stein
New Testament ..... Minister James Butler, III

Flag Presentation ..... United Veterans' Council of Pittsburg
Congregational Song ..... Tell You the Best Thing
Remarks ..... Sister Lenora Mannion, Christian Center
& Liberty Church of God in Christ

Musical Selection ..... Robert Collier, Jr.
Remarks ..... Little Chapel Church of God in Christ
Expressions *(2 min please)* ..... Family, Friends & Guests
Obituary ..... Darrell Simmons
Acknowledgments ..... Willetta Mallard-Strong & Dorothy Butler
Sermonic Solo *(Garden of Prayer)* ..... Linda Simmons
Eulogy ..... Elder Robert Collier, Sr.

A Loving Look & Sweet Release

Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

Bishop Leroy McGathen
Bish Donald Green
Pastor Dan Slaughter

PALLBEARERS

Darrell Simmons
Matthew Simmons
Eric Smith
James M. Butler, III
Robert Jenkins
Percy Hayter, Jr.
Daimein Hayter
Paul Anderson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Rev. Johnny Stein
Matthew Tejuco
George Stampley
Herbert Hayter
Ronald Irving
Nathanial Irving, Jr.
Percy Hayter
Richard Strong

INTERMENT

Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

To ease the family's burden,
there will be no repast following the interment.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

The family wishes to thank all of you who visited Deacon Mallard during his illness and supported the family. We pray that you will keep the memory of Bill's (Uncle Willie's) smile and spirit in your hearts. In the words of one of his favorite verses:

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Final arrangements for Deacon William James Mallard were conducted with dignity and distinction by:

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